PERSONAL AND LITEBARY.

A STATUE is to be erected in the course of this year to George Sand. The sice proposed is the Vallee Noire. in Berry, the spot where so many of her romances had their birth.

Among the women who voted at a recent school election in Concord, N.
H., was Mrs. Isaac Hill, ninety-one
years old and the widow of a Vermont
Governor, and Mrs. Burnise Jones,
ninety-five years old.

Miss Jenny Howe, a Philadelphia girl by birth, but educated in Paris, has made her debut at the Grand Opera House as Rachel in "La Juive," and achieved at once a success that places her in the ranks of great singers and dramatic artists.

MEISSONIER, the distinguished Parisian painter, is sixty-seven, and has acquired a fortune of about \$200,000. He might have been worth thrice that sum, but he has the tastes of a millionaire, and is especially given to the luxuries of the table. His "cave" is said to be of exceptional excellence. He works slowly, and asks from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a portrait.

MME. COLBAN is a distinguished Norwegian writer, who did not attempt authorship until she was nearly sixty years old. She has produced since then five romances, which are described as charming. Her children were estab-lished in life, her health began to fail. and her duties and amusements as a woman of society grew irksome. So she went to live in Rome, where she has renewed her youth in literary work.

M. GEORGES DE CASSAGNAC, just elected a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, is the youngest man that has been elected to that body, having only three days prior to his election attained the age (twenty-five) re-quired by law for membership. The French journals speak of him as a man of fine ability and great promise, especially in financial matters, with which he is perfectly familiar.

DR. HOLLAND, the editor of Scribner's, was educated for the medical professon. At one time he was an editorial writer for the daily press. His first distinction was won under the nom de plume of "Timothy Titcomb." He is now about sixty years of age, and devotes himself entirely to the magazine which owes its success to his literary taste and enter-

Mr. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, now just past his sixtieth year, was born in Cambridge, Mass., and has there lived in the house in which he was born-a fine old mansion of the Revolutionary period, square and three-storied, look-ing out from an environment of stately trees to the southward over the mead-ows of the Charles. Behind it rises Mount Auburn. Mr. Longfellow lives half a mile away. Here have been writ-ten the poems, the essays and the critical papers which have made him

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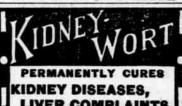
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